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## RUMINATIONS

by Jeff Fishel

### ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL CREATIVITY FAIR

(Nunquam lege sine imaginatio)

In the last issue, Nov. 28, I stated that I was going to hold a creative writing competition. I still am. However, the panel of judges decided that the competition should not be limited to any particular form of expression. I assumed that law students are uniquely adept with words and, therefore, would express themselves creatively through words. This narrow view was rejected in favor of a wide-open, varied, creative competition - much like medieval fair.

Come one, Come all! Join in the creative jousts of neophyte and journeyman! Smell the exotic aromas of weird thoughts! Feel the smoothness of well-crafted logic! Hear songs of adventure and lost love! See the metaphysical twining of mind and hand! Win prizes and glory!

In my search of a name for this fair, I came across an unexplained latin phrase: "Nunquam fictio sine lege (there is no fiction without law)." I decided to paraphrase the converse as a credo for this competition: there is no law without imagination.

I know that some of you often catch yourselves in a day dream while trying to study. You imagine

the human story behind the facts; or you imagine how you would construct the winning argument; or, maybe, you just imagine something more pleasurable than sitting in a chair, feeling your body sag into a lawyerly paunch. This is the fertile ground of creativity. Use these "drifts" of imagination and enter the Creativity Fair.

The following is a general outline of the Fair:

Eligibility: the fair is open students, staff, faculty, alumni and their spouses, POSLOQues, and children.

Catagories: there are just two-serious and humorous. However, you may choose any media, e.g. prose, poetry, editorial, cartoon, doggerel, bumper stickers, music (must be on cassette), video (VHS only), T-shirts, sculpture, painting, etc.

Winners: The judges will pick up to six winners and each will receive a \$25 prize. Those entries in print will be republished in a bound volume for sale in local book-stores.

Due Date: February 28, 1989. The winners will be announced at the Law Revue.

Submission requirements: Two copies of any recorded or printed material must be submitted; all work must be original; and all printed work, except poetry, must be typed and double-spaced.

Submissions will be accepted at the SBA office starting Feb. 22.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### LEXIS AND WESTLAW TRAINING

All 1Ls will learn computer-assisted legal research through their legal writing course. Please see your instructor for details.

All 2Ls and 3Ls who would like a refresher course are invited to sign up for classes offered between Jan. 11 and Feb. 10. The classes are limited so sign up soon and

remember to come. The registration book will be at the Circ/Reserve desk this afternoon.

#### **LIBRARY JOBS AVAILABLE**

The law library has openings for work study and non-work study students. Contact Ada in room 212, or call her, ext. 2295.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The spring interview season has begun! Please watch the 5th floor bulletin board and the PR for more details.

The following are application deadlines for the next two weeks:

Tuesday, Jan. 17: National Labor Relations Board (for 3rd-year students; full-time in Seattle; interviews will be Jan. 26 and 27);

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Burgess, Kennedy, Fitzer, & Strombom, P.S. (for 2nd and 3rd-year students; summer or part-time in Tacoma; interviews on Feb. 1).

#### **JAPANESE PATENT LAW FIRM SEEKS SPRING GRADS**

Adachi International is seeking a spring graduate with experience in science or engineering to work full-time in their Nagoya, Japan office. Please see the Employer Reference Guide in Placement for more information.

#### **ABA HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST**

The ABA's standing committee on World Order Under Law will sponsor the 1989 Bruno Bitker Essay Competition, on "What Role Should U.S. Policy Play in the Realization of International Human Rights, Today and Beyond?" Deadline is May 1, 1989. The winner will receive-\$1,000. For more information, see Placement.

#### **LAST CALL FOR DING LETTERS!!**

Tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10, is your last chance to submit rejection letters for the First Annual Ding Letter Contest! Categories are: Shortest, Longest, Nastiest, Most

Humorous, Nicest, Most Pompous, Most Obviously a Form, Most "Wishy-Washy", and Most Impressive Letterhead. The awards ceremony will be hosted by the Law Alumni Society and Placement Services. See Placement for details.

#### **\*\*RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP\*\***

The Placement Office will hold a resume workshop on Jan. 17, at 5 p.m., in room 502. 1Ls are strongly urged to attend this workshop prior to searching for summer jobs. 2Ls and 3Ls are also encouraged to attend.

#### **PLACEMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

If you interviewed through the Placement office last fall, please check your mailbox for a survey with your name on it. Take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to the Placement Office as soon as possible. It is important that we receive input from everyone who participated last fall.

If you have comments about Placement, please write them down on a separate sheet of paper and put it in the drop box outside the administrative offices. You do not need to identify yourself.

Thanks in advance for your help.

#### **LAW AND MEDICINE INTERNSHIP**

Summer internships in 1989 are available with the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled, Inc. The internship involves legal research and writing on such issues as "Baby Doe" and euthanasia as those issues affect the poor and those on the margin of our society. For more information, see the Employer Reference Guide in the Placement Office.

#### **PRO-LIFE LEGAL INTERNSHIPS**

The Horatio R. Storer Foundation, Inc., a pro-life legal research and advocacy organization affiliated with the National Right to Life Committee, offers a summer internship. See Placement for more details.

### "JOB BOARD" FREE TO 3Ls

The Placement Office produces a job list called the Job Board on the 15th of every month. Although it is sent to law graduate subscribers interested in permanent legal (and some non-legal) careers, all 3Ls may pick up a copy free at placement. The January issue will be available after January 15.

### LAWYERS IN TRANSITION HOST JOB-SEARCH WORKSHOP

The self-help group Lawyers in Transition will host a workshop on "How to make a good impression on an Employer", Wednesday, January 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Seattle Public Library Main Auditorium. Linda Stores of Kerr Stores Legal Search, and Ellen Alexander of the Alexander-Thomas Group contract lawyer placement agency, will give tips about resume writing, interviewing, cover letters, and personal appearance for job-hunting.

### WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE?!

By Jeff Fishel

In a very real sense, law school is a vocational school, as are medical school, dental school, beauty school, etc. The person who goes to law school simply for the experience is rare, if she exists at all.

You are going through law school so that you can get a job, right? So the two questions you want answered before you take the bar are: what kind of job will I like, and where is it?

In the November, 1988, issue of "Student Lawyer," Barbara Raab reported that many law school graduates switch jobs at least twice before finding something they enjoy. (Raab's article is called "Matches and Mismatches," on page 16.) In fact, this phenomenon is so prevalent that a nation-wide organization was formed to help lawyers move to more enjoyable jobs or out of practice all together - Lawyers in Transition.

A book of the same name (Lawyers in Transition) just appeared this

year and demonstrates how one should go about looking for her ideal job. This book is designed particularly for lawyers. The first step is to look inward, to yourself, at your strengths and weaknesses. The next step to come in off the window ledge and check out the 60-page bibliography in the last part of the book.

Lawyers in Transition is available in the Placement Office and is on reserve in the library. Lucy Allard, Placement Director, said that if 10 or more students want to buy the book, she can get a 40 percent discount. The book normally retails for \$18.50 plus \$2.25 for shipping and handling.

The following are some of the resources that UPS offers:

Self-assessment: UPS Main Campus does offer personal career counseling through its Career Planning and Development office (756-3251). For \$4 you can take a self-assessment test called the Strong-Campbell Vocational test. Please call before you go there if you wish to take the test.

Another test that is recommended for self-assessment is called the Myers-Briggs type indicator which the Placement office of Fordham law school has used with some success. This test tries to identify your personality and that information supposedly helps you choose a career path. Allard will attend a regional conference of the National Association of Law Placement directors this month specifically to learn about the Myers-Briggs test.

Choices Conference: Last year was the first conference of this type and was a success. Scheduled for March 4, this year, the conference offers a wide variety of legal jobs other than private law firms. Representatives from public agencies, public interest groups, and local government are on hand to answer any question you may have.

Alumni Directory: Allard has an alumni directory not only of alumni who are practicing law but also of alumni in non-legal jobs. The Directory is available in Place-



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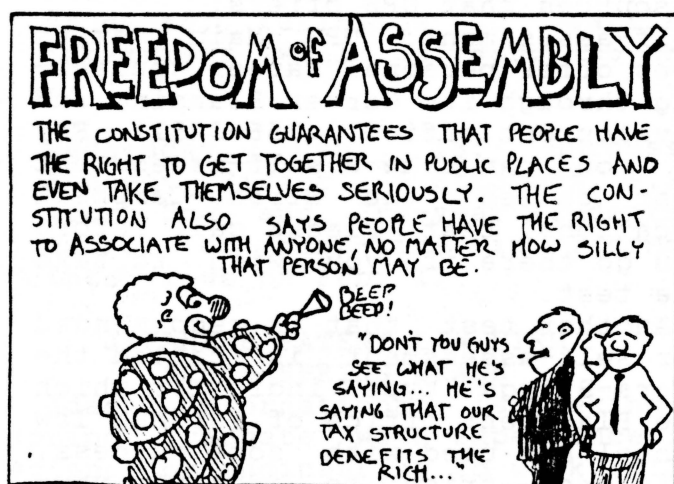
Other resources: The following are available in the library:

1. Where Do I Go From Here With My Life?; by John C. Crystal; The Seabury Press (1974).
2. From Law Student to Lawyer: A Career Planning Manual; by Frances Utley; ABA/LSD (1984).
3. Nonlegal Careers For Lawyers: In the Private Sector; by Frances Utley; ABA (1984).
4. Where Do I Go From Here?; by Frances Utley; ABA (1973).

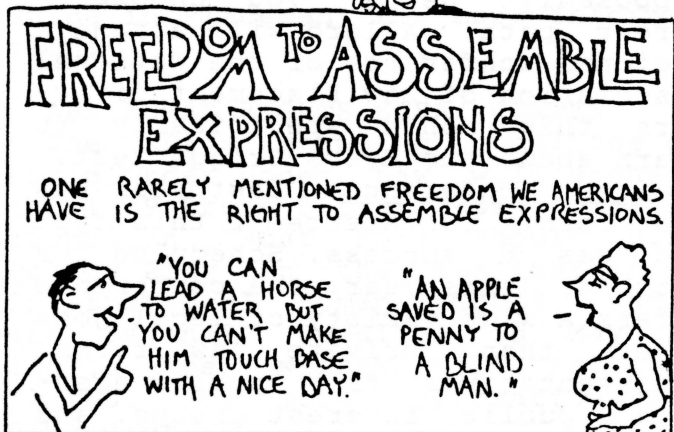
5. How to Start and Build a Law Practice; by Jay G. Foonberg; ABA/LSD (1976) and (1984).
6. Careers in Labor Law; by Ellen K. Wayne; ABA (1985).
7. Careers in Natural Resources and Environmental Law; by Percy R. Luney; ABA (1987).
8. Now Hiring: Government Jobs for Lawyers, 1985-86 ed.; ABA/LSD (1985).
9. The Washington Want Ads: A Guide to Legal Careers in the Federal Government; ABA/LSD (1982).

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